

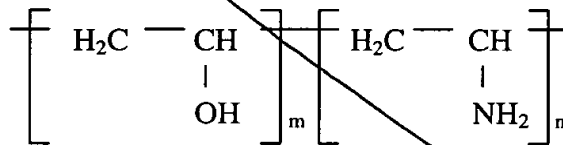
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web, said agent being selected from zirconium compounds wherein the zirconium has a [valency] valence of plus four.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Once Amended) An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the organic polymer is selected from the group selected from chiotsan, polyvinylamine, polyvinyl alcohol-vinyl amine and polyaminoamide.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Once Amended) An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 3 characterized in that the organic polymer is selected from polyvinyl alcohol-vinyl amine copolymers of the following structure:



wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 99 to 1 respectively.

Please add new claim 26 as follows:

26. The ~~ereping~~ ^{composition} adhesive of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the crosslinking agent is ammonium zirconium carbonate.

Please add new claim 27 as follows:

27. An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 26 characterized in that the organic polymer is selected from polyvinyl alcohol-vinyl amine copolymers of the following structure:

